(d) On the basis of reviews and monitoring done from time to time, the Ministry of Water Resources has initiated several measures to expedite completion of ongoing irrigation projects under AIBP which include vigorous monitoring the projects, linking utilization of Central Assistance to physical achievements in terms of potential creation, release of grants based on Memorandum of Understanding and Utilization Certificates, taking up new projects only against completion of one ongoing project etc. These measures have resulted in record potential creation under AIBP of 9.37 lakh ha. during 2006-07.

The projects to be included in AIBP in the Eleventh Plan are ongoing projects under AIBP spilling over from tenth plan, ongoing and new projects of the Prime Minister's Relief Package for agrarian distressed districts, projects benefiting drought prone/tribal areas, projects benefiting States having irrigation development below National Average and new projects based on 1:1 criteria.

(e) A Statement indicating State-wise names of the ongoing AIBP projects, year of inclusion in AIBP, present status of completion, anticipated date of completion, Central Assistance provided during 2005-06 up to 31st March 2008, targeted potential under AIBP and potential created up to March 2007 is given in the enclosed Statement.

**Dam on Valvanti river in Maharashtra**

2477. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra is building a dam on a river by name Valvanti, in Virdi village in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the river flows from Karnataka and then to Maharashtra and Goa;

(c) whether the State Governments of Maharashtra and Goa have held talks in the matter of distributions of water for irrigation, which will be available on account of the project; and

(d) the details as regards the cost of the project area proposed to be brought under irrigation, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that the major irrigation dam is no Kattika nalla Near Virdi village in Maharashtra.

(b) As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, this nalla flows in Maharashtra only. The confluence of Kattika nalla and Halater nalla is on downstream of dam site, which flows from Karnataka and then Maharashtra and Goa. The confluence of Halater nalla and Costi nalla is in Goa. After confluence river is named as Valvot river in Goa.

(c) Yes Sir. Both the State Chief Ministers held meeting on 26.4.2006 and Chief Minister of Goa has given clearance for the project. Proposed water utilization by Maharashtra is reported to be less than the water share of State of Maharashtra.

(d) The cost of the project is Rs. 4368.17 lakhs and proposed area under irrigation is 1345 hectares.

**Sardar Sarovar Project**

†2478. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government for rehabilitation of people displaced by Sardar Sarovar Project;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the decisions delivered by Narmada Tribunal and Supreme Court in the interest of displaced people and whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has implemented them;

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Central Government for their implementation;

(d) whether the Central Government is also aware that affected families have been cheated in purchase of land also and most of the affected families have come on road; and

(e) if so, the steps Government is taking to help the affected families in obtaining their rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) of the persons displaced by the Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) are being carried out by the respective State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra as per the provisions of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDA) Award and decisions of the Supreme Court. An amount of Rs. 1941.47 crore has been incurred on R&R of the persons displaced by the SSP till January, 2008.

(b) and (c) NWDA Award and the Hon'ble Supreme Court have given decisions with regard to definition of oustees/project affected families, allotment of land/house plot, resettlement/rehabilitation grant, grants-in-aid, transportation grant, compensation for acquisition of land/houses, civic and other facilities. Madhya Pradesh Government is implementing these decisions.

The R&R Sub-Group of Narmada Control Authority (NCA) and NCA are monitoring the R&R of Project Affected Families (PAFs) to ensure faithful compliance of the decision of NWDA Award and Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(d) and (e) As per the information available with this Ministry, most of the affected families have been resettled. Process is still continuing by the party State Governments to resettle the remaining PAFs. Some instances of fake registration in the purchase of land by PAFs have come to the knowledge of the Government of India, Government of Madhya Pradesh and Narmada Control Authority.

The issue related to fake registration of the land under Special Rehabilitation Package (SRP) programme in Madhya Pradesh concerning Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) was discussed in detail in the 70th meeting of R&R Sub-group of Narmada Control Authority (NCA) held on 20.9.2007 and 79th meeting of NCA held on 16.11.2007, wherein the Government of Madhya Pradesh (GOMP) furnished comprehensive status on the subject. After deliberations on the subject matter, the GOMP has been given directions for taking necessary action to help the affected families.

Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) had filed a Civil Writ Jurisdiction IA No. 18-22 of 2006 in Writ Petition No. 328 of 2002 against the Union of India & Others in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding serious violations of R&R of Project Affected Families (PAFs). On the date of hearing of the above Writ Petition on 10.3.2008, the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed the Order that the State of Madhya Pradesh should file response by way of affidavit to the suggestions made by the NCA. As the above case is still pending in the Supreme Court hence the matter is *sub-judice*.